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Reflecting hopes and dreams for the future of city in 2050

By George Walsh

PROTECTING heritage and the natural environment along with a determination to make Oxford more affordable is at the heart of an ambitious vision of how the city will look and feel in 2050.

The long-awaited Oxford2050 plan, which will provide framework for all future decisions in the city, was unveiled this week.

The comprehensive document sets out the city's aspirations for life, work, play, and learning, transport, sustainability, people, and community and culture and leisure.

Where low-rise apartment blocks are proposed for East Oxford, Westgate, Cowley and Summertown with housing density to be increased to create a better urban environment and green land.

Oxford City Council, which is behind the project, stressed that while the plan will allow city a green belt will be built up. High value environmental land will be protected.

Highly respected city councillor Stuart Brown described the vision to a "real town" in the city's future.

He said: "It is a vision for Oxford's future that we can use to guide the city's growth in a way that will ensure that we are a real town, not just a city of Oxford-city residents."

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"There were more than 100 responses to a two-month consultation that ended in January."

City Mayor David Jones said: "We are very grateful to the many members of the public who took the time to send us their thoughts, a number of which were very detailed, during the consultation."

"Without them we could not have produced this document."

Oxford2050 will be a living document and will be updated every five years. It will incorporate changing technologies and social and economic changes that will shape the city in 2050.

The next stage will involve residents, businesses and local authorities in a series of workshops to build back a better city for the future.

For more information and to read the full version of Oxford2050 visit www.oxford2050.com.



Holding the picture with former Oxford City Council leader Bob Price and current leader Susan Brown are James Collins, 10, Kasper Lamb, 10, Jess Henshaw, 10, and Isabella Tom-Coles, 11, Eva Henshaw, 10 and Thomas Bates, 10.

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Protesters call on government to help people in Afrin

PROTESTERS turned out in Oxford city centre again to rally against the Turkish government's attack on Syrian people in the North West region of Afrin.

Dozens of the Oxford Emergency Committee were at Oxford's Martyrs Memorial in St Giles-in-the-Field to hold a protest rally from midday.

The group calling for increased aid to the impoverished by the international community is supporting an immediate ceasefire for all Syria.

It is also calling on the British Government to do more to help the people in the region suffering war have been subjected to repeated shelling and bombing.

Committee member Nagwa Quq-

and the vigil was orchestrated to draw people's attention to the tragedy taking place in Afrin and to present a powerful message with the help of the international community.

She added: "We all gathered together to call on the British government to continue Turkey's attack and ask why they have a Green Hat (Sympathy Turkey), Turkish President to support the Syrian border".

"The protesters' message to the public and to the British government was to stand for humanity and to solidarity with Syria".

Following a march to the Oxford Green Emergency Committee meeting the British and Syrian community living in the city joined the group in January



InBrief

Further arrest over man's death in June

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of murder as police continue to investigate the death of Christopher Lewington.

Thames Valley Police confirmed on Friday that a 36-year-old man from Blackland Leys had been arrested and was released under homicide bail.

On June 2 last year, 30-year-old James, 35, was found severely injured in an alleyway off Jordan Road in Blackland Leys.

He was taken to hospital but died shortly afterwards.

James died, 18 people have been charged, six with murder and four with perverting the course of justice.

At an inquest at Oxford Coroner's Court in June last year coroner Charles Baker said Mr Lewington suffered from a heart attack and died from multiple injuries.

The charges are in custody and are expected to appear at Oxford Crown Court in April.

Arrest over ATM

A MAN has been arrested after a cash point machine was stolen from a supermarket in Oxford.

The 35-year-old was held on suspicion of burglary over the theft at Watlington in Oxford Road at about 1.15pm on Friday.

Police said it was unclear whether it was a loan used as if the ATM was taken by some other means.

The man has been released under investigation.

Seacourt expansion to go ahead

By George Walsh

THE controversial decision to expand Seacourt Park and Bole will go ahead as planned after the government said it was happy for the city council to make the local development.

Oxford City Council, which proposed the plan to turn the site into a better than the history of housing, commercial and local government on Friday saying it does not need to intervene.

The ministry said that having carefully considered the expansion, the Secretary of State David Davis, was content that it should be decided by the local planning authority.

The city council wants to expand the park and take in eight acres donated caused by the request of



Seacourt Park and Bole

Councillor Alex Millington, board member for planning and regulatory services at the city council, said: "We are pleased that the Secretary of State has agreed to support the plan in January. Green Party councillor Rachel Bland, chairwoman of planning and regulatory services, told the newspaper earlier this morning the

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Minister on a mission to make a nation of cyclists

By George Welsh

CYCLING minister Jesse Norman visited into Oxfordshire last week to find out more about what needs to be done to encourage more people to take to two wheels.

The MP's first part of call was Oxford to look over plans for a new riverside cycle route, which aims to improve off-road pedestrian and cycle links between residential areas and Oxford city centre.

That was before heading off to Milton Park as south Oxfordshire council's newly-appointed facilities trustee, a role which he recently described as being "like Milton Park and the adjacent area in south Oxford".

He also heard about the county council's cycling design standards, a guide for designers, planners and engineers.

Mr Norman, who represents Oxford, said today's visit to the county to get past government plans encouraging people to make use of cycle more as part of a push to leave cars behind for shorter journeys.

A lot of that talk of road building has been absorbed in more sustainable cycling, which projects across the country which can include a range of options including reducing the cost



Jesse Norman with county council staff in Milton Park at Oxford, Oxfordshire.

of jobs by using more recycling and using better materials.

The plan follows the recent £100m promise to improve cycle safety and a call for investment, asking for more on everything from improved infrastructure to education for all road users.

Mr Norman said: "We need to become a nation of cyclists and the government wants to make cycling the default choice of transport for people of all ages and backgrounds."

"The call for investment will support an open, comprehensive and high

quality scheme to encourage people to travel and improve safety for all road users."

"We are determined to make cycling safer and easier across the country, and we are continuing to invest."

The announcement comes as an independent report, suggesting there is a strong case for a new scheme to be introduced to tackle dangerous cycling, was published by the Department for Transport.

If the new scheme is not introduced, it could bring cycling in line with motor-driving offences.

Tributes paid to 'extraordinary man' Hawking

WORLD renowned Oxford-born physicist Stephen Hawking, who died at the age of 76 last week, is remembered as one of the world's greatest minds.

He died peacefully at his home in Cambridge in the early hours of yesterday (Wednesday) morning, his family confirmed.

In a statement his children Lucy, Robert and Tim described him as "a great scientist and an extraordinary man whose work and legacy will live on for many years".

Thanks to his scientific focus for his work with black holes and relativity, he was famous.

Oxford University's greatest scientist, as the first description as one of the "world's greatest minds".

After John B. Goodenough, who portrayed Paul Hawking in the 1993 film "The Theory of Everything", said: "He has been a truly beautiful man, an extraordinary scientist and the greatest man I have ever had the pleasure to meet."

Prof Hawking, who had total paralysis as a result of a rare form of motor neurone disease at the age of 21.

The disease left him unable to walk and largely unable to speak more than a few words.



Haw and Sims posed for photos with their silver public as they toured the city last week.

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The show's star and creator, Sir Terry Rabinovich, will recreate comedy show *Men and Women* for the first time since the children's BBC phenomenon ended in 1994.

Some of Thames' star writers, comedians and film producer Lindsay Russell will also appear at the event at the Abingdon campus of Abingdon and Wexley College on April 20.

For tickets and more information go to <http://tvc123.com>

Building at Balliol

ONE of Oxford University's oldest colleges has appointed contractors to build new student accommodation.

Balliol College plans to erect Oxford's first new buildings at the corner of Jesus Walk and St Cross Road in Oxford.

They would provide 100 rooms for students, which Balliol hopes will open in summer 2015.

Master of Balliol, Professor Sir David R. Forster, said the project "will transform our accommodation offering".

Balliol's new buildings will be the first phase of Master's Field.

Anti-bullying charter wins support from school pupils

By George Walsh

200 first schools have signed up to an anti-bullying charter as an attempt to strengthen the response to bullying across the country.

The charter contains guidelines on tackling bullying to ensure the voices of children and teachers are always heard and acted upon.

It was launched at Chipping Norton School and the secondary school, along with neighbouring primary schools St Mary's and Holy Trinity, are the first to sign up to the charter.

Others are now being encouraged to join them and help send a strong message that bullying will not be tolerated in Oxfordshire.

Councillor Hilary Abbott, Oxfordshire County Council cabinet member for education and public health Hilary Abbott MP, said:

"Bullying is a serious issue that affects many children and young people. It is important that we work together to ensure that all children and young people are safe and happy at school."

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Oxfordshire County Council cabinet member for education and public health Hilary Abbott MP, second right, presents the anti-bullying charter to Chipping Norton School headteacher Simon Duffy, centre, and St Mary's Primary School headteacher Frances Whitfield-Brown, left, alongside pupils from both schools.

Seven-year-old Harry Thornton, of St Mary's Primary School, said: "Bullying should stop because we don't want anyone picking on us. We don't want our schools to be full of bullying."

Anti-bullying charter is a national thing to do."

Schools are also up to the challenge of ensuring anti-bullying measures, plans.



By Owen Hughes

An Oxfordshire group dropped in on shoppers at the Macclesfield Centre at the weekend to perform a synchronized routine while suspended from the side of the building.

Security is tight, one of the Macclesfield Centre's security cameras, recorded the dance floor to view the city from a whole new perspective.

The wall climbers performed an acrobatic vertical dance routine up, down and across the front of the Macclesfield Centre while dangling from ropes on Saturday and Sunday.

Shoppers watched in wonder as the aerial dancing team

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"We'd like to thank everyone who came along to watch, supported us and especially to those who stayed around afterwards to watch."

¹⁰What a great that was, certainly, celebrating someone's birthday on television!



Photo: *by the author*

Spiritual abuse vicar banned

APR Khagpha-rao, who was convicted of sexual abuse of a teenage boy, has been banned from the ministry for two years.

Reverend Timothy Davis of Christ Church, Alexandria, was convicted a spiritual abuse of a 33-year-old lay during two heat-proper sessions in the boy's bedroom.

His father lived with the family, who were members of his congregation, for six months in 1911.

The Baxwood is understood to be the first priest to have been convicted of spiritual abuse by the Bishop's Diocesan Tribunal.

His career ends at its first peak, because a monster is due to be born in 2013.

In January, the tribunal ruled there was no sexual hounding, but the men and the teenager did lay hands on each other's head, shoulders, chest and back during the sessions.

However, in its judgment, the tribunal said the teenager was "treated" by what the court was doing to him.

I read the owner's "description" of the boy awarded to "Volunteer," which was unfortunately and unprofessionally

Mr Davis was suspended from his position in 1944 and was diagnosed

with post-traumatic stress disorder in September that year.

Uni apologises for cleaner picture

THE University of Oxford has apologised after a photo of a female cleaner wiping graffiti celebrating International Women's Day from the steps of one of its buildings was widely shared on Twitter.

Dr Sophie Smith, an associate Professor of Political Theory at the University guided the picture on the popular social media platform during International Women's Day.

On Twitter Sophie said, "Unlabeled security makes a woman almost invisible and. Happy International Women's Day! on the Cleveland scene. What an image for #IWD @DanaDeFord."

riding sweep exhibited to the profile on the lower stage of the entrance to the Chamber Baking while four male normally stall stand above her.

More than 10,000 people have retweeted the image since it was posted at 11.5am on Thursday.

Galveston University issued a statement on Twitter: "We are deeply sorry for this and for others it caused."

"This should not have happened."

The professor asked that the students also "recompose a heartfelt apology, a warm cup of tea, the rest of the day."

all" or whether the "good enough pay" is less or the "bad" pay is more.

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InBrief

Diabetes increases

THE number of people diagnosed with diabetes in Oxfordshire has reached an all-time high.

According to Diabetes UK, the number diagnosed with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes across the county has increased by 544 since the year last year. From 17,533 in 2008, nearly five per cent of residents.

Visit diabetes.org.uk/healthcare-statistics for more information.

More animal rescues

FROM budgets to budgets and dogs to doghouses, Oxfordshire Pure and Rescue Services are increasingly being called on to rescue animals.

Latest figures show the money spent on animal rescue has almost doubled in the past five years to more than £4,500.

A dedicated team in Wallingford now specialises in equine welfare calls out.

Young choir sings

THE National Youth Theatre Choir will perform at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre on Sunday April 11th.

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Visit www.nyt.org.uk for more information.

Exploding the secrets behind 16th century cannonballs

By David Hughes

A CUTTING edge research experiment in Victorian-style sample theory V&R's cannonballs in Oxfordshire will reveal the secrets to preserving the 16th century artefacts for future generations.

Because of the 'trader's assistant's' 16th-century sample theory V&R's cannonballs in Oxfordshire will reveal the secrets to preserving the 16th century artefacts for future generations.

A ground-breaking project between conservationists from The Mary Rose University College London and Oxford Light Laboratory, located at the Royal and Ancient Gunpowder, will involve one per cent of the gunpowder to save the rest.

The Mary Rose's head of conservation, Dr Eleanor Schofield, said: "We have taken part 12 of the

cannonballs to investigate different methods of conservation through spectroscopy research."

At the UK's synchronous facility, electrons are fired up to near light-speed, producing a light which is brighter than the sun.

James Lewis of X-ray diffractometer at the facility said: "We are now the level of corrosion from the cannonballs and oxygen in the air to see the cannonballs."

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is displaying at the Heritage Lottery funded museum in 2010.

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A fraction of Dr Schofield's time spent on the project is used to support and enable research in various other fields of science.

Around 70 experiments are conducted using the technology every six months.

Principal scientist Dr James Lewis said: "We are now the level of corrosion from the cannonballs and oxygen in the air to see the cannonballs."

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Bridge lights controversy



Picture: Knap Henry Bridge Lighted at night

By George Welch

A MAN who took it upon himself to light up a bridge in Denby wants to make the demonstration permanent. Glen Blandy would like money to pay for the temporary demonstration to light up both sides of Denby-on-Thames bridge last month.

A problem has since been launched to show whether Denby-on-Thames Council the level of support for the bridge in the hope they will decide to have them.

However, Mr Blandy did not seek permission from OGC, which is responsible for the listed bridge and has said the lights must be removed. The Short Street residents said he

has received letters of warnings of support. These people want the bridge to remain permanently unlit and see him as a danger.

"It's been a very important event in Denby, and I don't want to see the Denby Club a 100th anniversary this year which are worth celebrating," he said.

"It makes perfect sense, built from a house, and a local's point of view."

"It's about other ancient buildings within Denby, including St Mary's Church, with its spire and tower lights."

"It was a no-brainer for me to light up my beautiful house stone bridge."

Denby resident Mary Becher gave a big thumbs up to the idea.

She said: "These lights enhance our beautiful town even more. Don't Denby that someone would be the effort to do this. Thank you."

A county council spokesman said: "We have not given permission for this to be done as there are many other things we will be looking to have the lights removed under our supervision close by."

"Denby Bridge is a listed structure and clearly any permanent lighting installation would require not only our permission but also listed building consent from the district council."

Support quickly gathered pace and, as it went to print, a 100 people had signed the petition which can be signed at tiny.cc/nyd5w5d5

Badger shooting plan condemned as 'no TB found'

THE Wildlife Trust "will not allow" badgers to be shot on its land in the county after the government issued a consultation last week to support the plan to cull badgers.

The government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is considering applications for shooting badgers in Oxfordshire and Berkshire to combat the spread of bovine TB.

However, research conducted by the Wildlife Trust suggests badgers in the area do not have TB.

Wildlife trust officer John Lushington said: "We do not believe the shooting of badgers is ever an appropriate way of controlling bovine TB in cattle."

"For the last two years we have collected badgers killed on the roads of Oxfordshire and Berkshire and sent them to the University of Liverpool for testing for bovine TB. None of the badgers collected in either county were infected with TB."

"Given findings show there is no justification for a cull."

A spokesman for DEFRA said: "The Wildlife Trust said it will not allow it to take place on our land."

DEFRA recently told the Trust it is working on a plan to reduce badger numbers. Research over the next four years

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College rewarded for apprentice work

AN Oxonians college has been labelled one of the best in the south for apprenticeship after securing a regional award.

Abingdon & Witney College was awarded the Apprenticeship Provider of the Year honour at the inaugural Annual Apprenticeship Awards last Monday.

It works perfectly well with all levels of apprenticeship work.

Principal Dr Bechtel said, "We can't overstate the value of this kind of award and the recognition brings to the college as a premier provider of high quality apprenticeships."

"The team work tirelessly to ensure our apprentices and their employers are a great match, that businesses are getting the most from their apprenticeship levy and continue to grow as apprenticeship opportunities

around Oxonians."

The college was also judged as 'outstanding' for apprenticeships in last year's Ofsted report.

The award will also allow the college to bid for a contract for the National Apprenticeship Provider of the Year award, to be awarded at the fourth annual apprenticeship conference in Birmingham next week.

Backing for phone campaign

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has agreed to support behind a national campaign to reduce mobile phone use by drivers.

It is a year since the government introduced tougher laws on using a phone at the wheel.

Those caught can be hit with a penalty notice and a three fine with three to pass their driving licence the following year after losing their licence, according to a recent RAC

survey, 22 per cent of drivers admitted using a mobile phone while at the wheel in either or later a cell in the past 10 months. Twelve per cent admitted checking texts, email or social media.

David Williams, cabinet member for community safety said, "Having, especially with the volume of traffic and speed of traffic on our roads requires full concentration and full physical control - that a both hands for driving only."

InBrief

Demist experiences

REALISATOR Oxonians, the county's independent health and social care provider, has launched a survey to gauge a experience of 3000 demist experiences.

The organisation wants to hear about people's experiences, whether they have found it hard to find an NHS service and what they think about the quality of care they receive.

Views on accessibility, wait times, and cost are also sought. Visit oxonians.nhs.uk to complete the survey anonymously.

Lambs springing up

GET ready to say "baahh" as little lambs spring up across the county during a busy time in lambing season as it is to begin.

weekend at the Earth Trust Farm in Little Wymondley and more than 1,000 visitors.

Visit oxonians.nhs.uk for more information and visit oxonians.nhs.uk to see the collection of photos from March 11 to April 15.

Photos in the frame

OXFORDSHIRE business photography will return to the North Hall Arts Centre at Runcorn for the third time for its annual exhibition from March 11 to April 15.

Chairman Peter Porter said, "It is fascinating to see the diverse range of subjects and subjects that members who we exhibit."

Displays from amateur and professional photographers can be viewed between 10am and 5pm on weekdays or 10am and 4pm on Saturdays.

'We need to listen to residents on health'

Health bosses admit need to work together

By George Walsh

HEALTH chiefs have admitted they must "listen more" following the heavily criticised first phase of a county-wide services overhaul.

Senior executives say they must work on a "very difficult way" to make changes after phase one of the Oxonians Transformation Plan introduced a raft of changes.

The results from a major consultation, published last summer, led to a decision across the county and the permanent downsizing of community services at Banbury's Marston General Hospital.

A joint statement from system leaders across the NHS in Oxonians said, "The NHS has reflected on the experience of running phase one of the Oxonians Transformation Programme."

"We understand that we need to listen from the experience and approach the improvement of local services in a very different manner."

Local experts also called for "listening, doing, and listening" to be a key part of the approach following criticism from



Hospital beds across the county were closed at the start of the first phase changes

the health regulator, the Care Quality Commission.

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There is now a pair of new space-themed 18-hole golf courses on the first floor of the Ocean Landing Complex in Rockland Gap.

Competitors have to negotiate their way around the moon, pulling balls on a space-themed, under a space-themed, on a Mars landing site, and as an alien, experience forest planet.

It was one of the first space-themed adventure golf courses in the world of the UK when it opened in February 2004, says Alison Russell, founder of the company Gravitee Golf.

He said, "People have been playing, discussing and reviewing them, but this is the first time anyone has taken a 36-hole space adventure."

"It involves an exciting TV room, plus crushed space ships, alien, and a black hole and Red Planet scene for the space adventure."

"It's looking absolutely brilliant."

Mr Russell said adventure golf is rising in popularity amongst people

who want something different from the more established locations such as going to the pub, cinema or bowling club.

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El amor del flamenco

By Samantha McGregor

FLAMENCO company El Amor will close its spring season in Ojai with its show tonight.

This production promises to bring all the spirit of authentic, pulsating flamenco to the desert.

Taking to the stage at Chipping Norton Theatre on Wednesday March 10, the "leading" moving flamenco show includes powerful song alongside dramatic guitar and cello.

El Amor's being created exclusively for audiences worldwide to help dispel the stereotypical image that flamenco often carries.

"The company is performed and directed by flamenco and arts from Peter and Laila."

Order is the lead dancer and artistic director, with Laila as the lead guitarist and the company's musical director and the pair are joined on stage by professional artists.

Order led was born in the UK and danced from an early age. Flamenco came later.

Influenced by the flamenco genre, Order led was born in 1990. She met her partner, Laila, in 1991 and went on to study at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

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Blue streak shoes

Blue Streak will be performing and off to the Woodstock Sound Club in Woodstock this Saturday.

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Get shirty with Don Broco

By Judith Cane

FOLLOWING the release of their top ten album *Technology* and sold out run of UK dates, OneRepublic have recently announced a new string of live shows for April which includes Detroit, CD, Academy.

Belonged to widespread critical acclaim in February. Technology became the band's second top-10 album and first to break the top five. After selling out both their *Acoustic* and *Passion* gigs last year to more than 12,000 fans and their current tour, the band have now announced they will release 11 new live CDs based on their entire career.

The new album finds the band mixing their characteristic, fly-poop-infused rock through twisting genres of metal, funk and disco.

The festival is a concept featuring the finest street theater, intelligent and infectious songs—yet, with tracks inspired by their world tour, this time the effects of the Great Recession, while also addressing personal privacy and smartphone surveillance among songs inspired by science fiction and their experiences in the music industry.

Embracing on their hugely popular T-shirt song from the Technology album: "and would that say, 'T's are of the most emotional



sings on the record inspired by a close friend who had just been through a dark break-up.

"While writing the song I was also a difficult time for me emotionally, and one night I found myself in a club where the DJ was playing the *Disrupted* theme tune. Anyone who's been to a cheesy club night will know that in the moment everyone takes off their T-shirt and sings it around their head."

* I started really tired like I had 1

joined in and he stayed as it sounds it really made me feel better. That was the start of the process by which I came to realize there was light at the end of the tunnel. This song is about going through hell and coming out the other side stronger by it."

Don Bosco will play at the Oxford CC Academy on Thursday April 28 at 7pm.

Full price tickets are £24.45. To book, hawaii.academyofmusicgroup.com



Join black men on a poignant walk

Eclipse Theatre comes to Defend in April with *Black Man Walking*, the first work to be staged as part of the company's ground-breaking Revolution Management.

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*An Eclipse Theatre and Royal Exchange Theatre co-production:
Black Men Walking on the North Wall
in Commemoration of April 23 and 24*

inspired by a middle-class man's walking group in Sheffield. One punter has been criticised by his peers in public groups with health-based objectives for producing vulgar humor. Another, who is in the *Financial Times*, is being investigated for his comments about feminism. WOLF, which has a small editorial board, operates

with his signature ball-bearing and
cassette

It tells a compelling story of three middle-aged black men, Thomas Matthews and Richard, who meet every month to reject a self-help group to reject the dramatic homophobia of the Pink Deter in Turkey. On the go table top, the rest of the group, and it's a story that the reader should have done too. The men, Matthews, have been to work towards through two and a half years of black history, and the reader should have done too. The men, Matthews, have been to work towards through two and a half years of black history, and the reader should have done too.

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Oxford's £634,910,400 "Rentirement" Property Market Time Bomb

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin & Co, Oxford



Yes, I said 'rentirement', not 'rentment'. Rentirement refers to the 1.35m pensioning Oxford people, who don't own their own Oxford home but rent their home gradually from a buy to let landlord and who are currently on their 30's and only need a £12,000 a month, as a lot of the 'rentirement' 'income' will be taken up as rent, meaning the remainder will have to be paid out of savings as the buy to let will have to ramp up the bill and with life expectancy trends in the mid to late 80's, that's quite a big bill. It will be £12,000 x 40 years = over 50 years to be paid from the best savings of the buy to let landlords in the country. You might say it's not big for

Oxford buy to let to pick up the bill and that those mature Oxford owners would start saving those sums of pounds a year now to be able to afford their rent as retirement. However in many circumstances the reason these people are presently renting on the first place is that they were never able to find the money for a mortgage deposit on their house in the first place or didn't have enough to qualify for a mortgage. For a change the Oxford 30 to 40 year olds will be better off at their parents as more likely to be homeowners and care with their equity than the few old and their parents pass away. For example, that's what is happening in Europe where renting is common, the majority of people



rent in their 20's, 30's and 40's but by the time they hit 50's and 60's (and retirement) they will want the money they have earned from their parents passing away to buy their own home. So, what does this all mean for buy to let landlords in Oxford? Have you rented and how the new home builders don't build buy to let properties as in fact some would say the buy to let strategy is over. The saving in the number of buy to let houses built has more to do with supply than demand. The fact is that for new home builders there is more money in constructing houses than there is in new buy to let houses. Buy to let are not seen where a owner is least they need to pay a buy to let agent a larger fee for the same amount of income, mortgage is a nightmare thing to have due to the fact they are on one level instead of two or three. That means, demand will continue to rise for buy to let but supply will remain the same. We all know what happens when demand rises and supply grows but, rental for buy to let will inevitably grow up.



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The reality is, however, that from April 1 this year any rental property will need to achieve a minimum "C" rating for all new leases and renewals. It will be illegal to rent a property that does not meet this minimum requirement due to what will be deemed as substandard conditions and, from two years, April 2020, the same will apply for all existing tenancies too.

The penalty for failing to achieve a "C" rating will be a financial fine of up to £5,000 for non-compliance. Now, therefore, is the time to take action to ensure your rental properties are compliant.

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Quality opposition end Hoops run

By George Walsh

Oxford City

OXFORD City's fine four-match winning run came to an end when they lost 1-0 at home to new National League South leaders Horsham & Wokingham on Sunday. Jason Price scored the only goal of the game for the visitors, but in the spirit of a full-time to-night the Hoops' defence stood firm as a month. Ben Marks kept his hands up against the opposition who, with one league defeat in 14 games, overtook Oxford at the top of the table.

He said: "They've ended it with a set piece goal which is disappointing. Our match day we drew that game 4-4 and say that a set back against a team who, every season, will go on to win the league."

"We saw a very good team, very clean 11 would be and sometimes you've got to congratulate the opposition."

He added: "We've come in as late as the last month. It wasn't a great game and there wasn't a lot in it."

Hoops goalkeeper had as well as to be.

"The standards were very good and we kept going. But we didn't really have the quality to break down their defence and that was the difference. City stopped Craig King was the first of the professionals called into action as he carried away a powerful Bradley Telford that would be the first of his last season."

The Hoops' forward line with a couple of dangerous free kicks but neither Jon Goulder or Matt Pennington pushed their goal scoring skills.

And it was the away side who pushed the pace and what proved to be the match winner.

The last in a series of corners was directed in for a free which Goulder and Goulder's free beyond a pass of Telford and King on free ball stoppage time.

City went close in expanding straight after the break when John Pennington scored a goal but then effort faded but, despite Jason making attacking changes, City struggled to break their visitors down.

Oxford are 10th in the National League South on 28 points from 22 games. They finished play off chasing Wokingham 10th on Saturday.



Matt Pennington adds two when the Hoops beat Horsham & Wokingham

Oxfordshire leagues results

South

Saturday 10 March
Oxford City 0-1 Horsham & Wokingham

East

Saturday 10 March
Reading 1-1 Farnham

West

Saturday 10 March
Thames United 0-0 Maiden

South East

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Sevenoaks 0-0 Potters Bar

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Barnbury

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Honours even in points and for red cards

Heilic round-up

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Conference Cup

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Fans promised new boss will bring the 'wow' factor to club

52 days since Pep sacked

By George Welch

OXFORD United senior manager "Tiger" Thibault n'Guenou is confident he has found a manager who the new board will replace the sacked Pep Claret - but the new man will not be in the dugout for Saturday's game.

In an update on Tuesday the new owner and chairman said a preferred candidate has been selected but that the appointment will not be made by the time Thibault returns from his travels.

The Thai businessman said: "I spent time last week talking to an extremely strong candidate and then met with our preferred final candidate over the weekend."

"He has indicated that he wants to come here and I think it is provided we can sort out the finer points of the contract that he would have a real 'wow' factor for the fans and send very strong signals out that we mean business and are serious about moving the club onto higher divisions."

"The only issue right now is the timing once again. Hopefully it will be done after the appointment, why it has taken so long because it is not a easy situation."

He added: "I do not want to ask fans to their patience again because they have already done plenty and I thank them for that."

"We believe we will be able to announce an appointment next week."

It is now 52 days since the 17th sacked Pep Claret - during which the club have lost five of their seven games in all competitions.



Super 'Tiger' Thibault n'Guenou believes the new manager will be announced next week and fans will be wowed by the appointment

Another English football league team has lost out on a new manager - as if you exclude the interim manager of Cambridge - since the club parted company with the club's Sporting.

The 37-year-old was due to start his first game in all competitions on Saturday 14. He promised a new manager would be in place by then. Last week he indicated support for the manager and wanted to meet with him over the weekend before making a decision.

Chairman Steve Karl Robinson announced the decision to the media on Monday. Although he distanced himself from those reports when asked last week.

So nice to be in Nice...

The weather may not be what you actually expect in the South of France, but that didn't deter F1 fans from taking to the streets to watch Renault test cars part and present ahead of the return to the French Grand Prix at Paul Ricard circuit in June after the 10-year absence of the French Grand Prix.

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